

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-61 are in the case and presented for consideration.

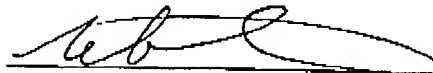
The fee of \$36 is here paid by deposit account for the 2 additional claims.

Claim 44 has been amended to improve its language and for no statutory reason.

Although this is an amendment after allowance, new claims 60 and 61 are not believed to raise any issues that would require additional consideration or search since they both further limit claim 1, claim 60 being like claim 27 but defining fewer members of the Markus group, and claim 61 being like canceled claim 49, but defining the method as being for producing substrates with a relaxation buffer, rather than in the form of a "use" claim which would not be statutory subject matter.

Entry of this amendment and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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